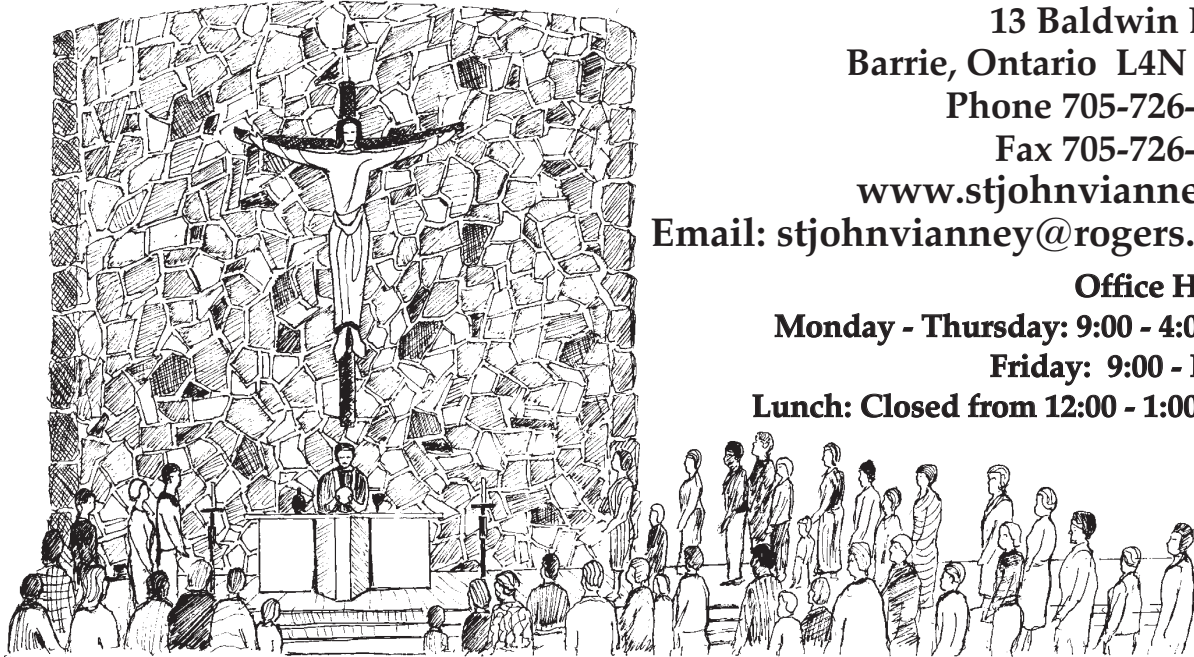


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.

Parish Priests:

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor
Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor

Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Adoration at 6:00 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Celebration of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or any time by appointment.

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JESUS IS IN TROUBLE!

Jesus got into trouble. Now, people get into trouble either because of what they do or because of what they say. Or both. With Jesus it was mainly because of what he said; but in today's Gospel what he said sprang out of what he did: he kept company with the wrong sort of people.

A religious teacher is supposed, so many people think, to uphold the conventional view of life, to uphold standards. The critics of Jesus were shocked that he mixed with people whose standards were not very high; the 'sinners' in question were not necessarily criminals or particularly vicious people: just people who were a bit careless in their way of talking, in their hygiene, in what they ate. Not "*our type*".

If Jesus was already in trouble for his behavior, he was determined to get into a lot more trouble by his explanation of it. The story he told was about God. All his stories were about God, or what happens when God is in charge. He showed what God was like by telling about two brothers: one of them was hard-working, disciplined, thrifty, obedient, a worthy heir to his father's fortune; the other was careless, lived for the moment, indulged every appetite, was disloyal, and broke his father's heart. One was "*our type*" and one was not.

But in Jesus' story a lot more attention is paid to the baddie, both by the story-teller and by the father. The elder brother, the goodie, gets a not very complimentary walk-on-and-walk-off-in-a-huff part at the end. It's a shocking story. It challenges normal standards; and if it really is about God, it paints a strange picture of the one who gave us the Ten Commandments.

The father loves both his sons, equally; but because the younger one is more of a problem he seems to pay more attention to him. He is obviously broken-hearted at his behavior, and is watching out for him to come back. When he does come back it's as though he'd been missing, feared dead, and is now discovered to be alive.

This calls for a party. He is treated not on the basis of what he's done or not done, but on the basis of his family membership. And the same is true of the elder brother - 'All that I have is yours' - only he can't see it. He describes his years of disciplined living as 'slaving', and there is no way he is going to recognize his dissolute younger brother as an equal member of the family. So we have the strange situation in which the younger, dishonorable brother is ensconced at home enjoying the party in his honor, while the honorable elder brother who has never strayed from home feels excluded from that home.

Jesus goes behind the question of deserving to the fact of belonging. It is God who decides that we belong. Jesus' critics would have acknowledged that God took their forebears out of slavery and gave them a land which they had not earned; but they, like we, found it hard to remember that what started as gift continues as gift. The elder son, like so many religious people, had moved from the privilege of belonging to a situation of slavery. It was as a slave that he felt he had a claim on his father; he did have a claim, but it was not because of all his good behavior; he had the claim anyway. What he found galling was that his father acknowledged that the younger son had the same claim. What does that say about standards, for goodness sake?

Jesus' portrait of God was subversive of his critics' portrait; it is subversive of the 'deserving' ideology of much of our political life. Jesus was not about blessing the present order or improving it; he was about announcing a new order altogether, something which St. Paul calls a new creation; this new creation was bound to upset those who were comfortable and in command in the old order. No wonder he got into trouble.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. Our next Stations of the Cross will be held on **Friday April 5th** led by the Knights of Columbus at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday
March 30th 5:00 pm † **Norma & Eduardo Saez**
Requested by: Family
- Sunday
March 31st 9:30 am † **Cheryl Arnold**
Requested by: Knights of Columbus 10370
- 9:30 am For the special intentions of
Marjorie Oliveira
Requested by: Family
- Monday
April 1st 8:30 am † **Mike Calamita**
Requested by: Louise & Cliff Robinson
- Thursday
April 4th 8:30 am † **Marg Nixon**
Requested by: Allan & Maryann Weishar
- 8:30 am For the special intentions of
Marcy Kuntz on her 100th birthday
Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White
- Friday
April 5th 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior
- 7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
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TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY
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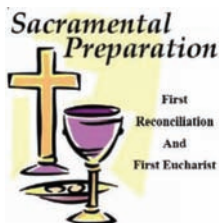
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Day of Confessions

Lenten confessions will be on **Friday, April 12, 2019** from 8:30 am - 10:00 am, 12:00 – 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm.

The Catholic Prayer Bible –Lectio Divina Edition (NRSV) which is a large print prayer bible with passage explanations and reflection questions will be available at the Welcome Table this weekend. The cost is \$35.



This is a reminder to First Communion Parents in Group C (St. Francis of Assisi School) who are registered to receive their First Communion on April 27 or 28 that your classes begin Tuesday April 2nd at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.



KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP:

2019 Day Camp for elementary students is now open. This year's theme is Holydays. We will be celebrating Christmas, Easter, Birthdays, Valentine's Day and All Saints Day. Camp will be held August 12-16, 2019, daily 9am-3pm. Daily Mass, crafts, skits, outdoor play and fun daily teachings about these special Holydays. All this and more only \$40/child for the week. Registration forms are available next to the youth bulletin board. Don't delay, we cap at 120 registrants.



Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Saturday April 13 th at 5:00 pm	Thursday April 18 th at 7:00 pm	Friday April 19 th	Saturday April 20 th	Sunday April 21 st
Sun. April 14 th 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	The Mass of the Lord's Supper	The Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

FIRST FRIDAY

April 5th is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10 am when Benediction will be given.



Please pray for those who are sick: Spencer Cameron, Clarence Kennedy, Aileen Henry, Niala Kalliecharan, Patrick Scicluna, Baby Tobias Gerritsen, Brian Downey, Monique Lewicki, David Ross, Shirley Richard, and Marjorie Oliveira.

And for those who have died recently:

† Patricia Matheson

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